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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2134**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Hiroaki SEKIYAMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2134

Application No.: 09/941,677

Examiner: M. Simitoski

Filed: August 30, 2001

Docket No.: 110301

For: AUTHENTICATION METHOD AND AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM FOR USERS  
ATTEMPTING TO ACCESS AN INFORMATION SOURCE VIA  
COMMUNICATION NETWORK, AND INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM  
AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD USING THE SAME

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the May 20, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 3-6 are pending in this application.

**I. Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

**A. The Rejection of Claim 3**

The Office Action rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent

Application Publication No. 2001/0014615 to Dahm et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.